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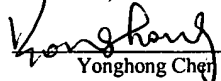
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1. DE 44 09 750 A1 (English abstract provided)
2. DE 35 12 076 C2 (English abstract provided)
3. US 4,446,906

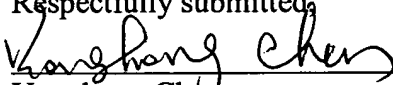
Documents 1-3 were cited in the German Office action dated May 19, 2003.

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